



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society

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## Membership Meeting Features Olmsted Legacy

"The Legacy of the Olmsted Brothers to Seattle and Queen Anne"

November 29th, 2012 - 7:00pm 2555 8th Avenue West

This year the history of Queen Anne's parks is the topic. A talk by Jennifer Ott of the Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks kicks off the theme just one week after Thanksgiving.

We will be privileged to hear of the legacy of the Olmsted Brothers to Seattle and to our own neighborhood of Queen Anne. The preservation of parks and green spaces opens up different challenges, join us for an intriguing presentation followed by an engaging discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.



*[Parks Superintendent and Commissioners with John C. Olmsted] Lake Washington. Left to right: E. F. Blaine, Captain Pratt, E. F. Fuller, John C. Olmsted, P. R. Jones, C. W. Saunders, J. E. Shrewsbury, A. L. Walters. - Courtesy of City of Seattle*

## Recap: Mount Pleasant Cemetery Tour

By Kim Turner

The annual 8th grade history class from St. Anne's School took the Mount Pleasant Cemetery walk on Friday, November 2, 2012. There were about 28 students, 3 chaperones, and teacher Pam Sturgeon. Teams of students had pre-selected grave

sites in which they were interested. The sites chosen were: Anna (Herr) Clise; Elizabeth Cooper-Levy; the "Valencia" Disaster; the Everett Massacre; the Wellington Avalanche and the grave of Carlos Bulosan. Tour guide Kim Turner took them to each site, and provided the color and additional data which the students did not have. We also stopped at the grave of Bertha Pitts-Campbell, which added to the richness of the walking tour. The tour lasted from a little after 1:30 p.m. until 2:35 p.m. Everyone was pleased with the turnout. Loretta Edwards, co-owner of the cemetery, came out at the beginning to give the students a fair concept of what the cemetery is and how to respect it without losing the fascination of visiting the grave sites.



Mount Pleasant Cemetery

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## Missing Issues of the Cobblestone

The archives are missing the following: November 1992, January 1993, March 1993, September 1993, November 1994, January 1995, and May 1995. Thanks in large part to a donation by John Hennes, we have a quite complete file of other issues, dating from November 1983 to the present. If you have any of the above issues you would like to donate, please email the archivist, Verna Ness, at [vernaess@yahoo.com](mailto:vernaess@yahoo.com). Thanks!

# Queen Anne Historical Society

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## A Note From Our President...

By Michael Herschensohn

As the year draws to a close, I am proud of the achievements of the Queen Anne Historical Society. We were awarded a first-time grant from 4Culture for the conservation of a trove of tape recorded oral histories. Although we've transcribed a few of them, we will soon need to find the energy to transcribe the most important of our 150 interviews. Volunteers?

I hope you are using our redesigned website. It receives nearly 50 hits every day, and on one day in October, 94 people looked there for information about the history of our neighborhood. We've also added to the store of information about Queen Anne by publishing a number of well-researched and documented articles in the Queen Anne News.

The history of our neighborhood parks is the focus of this year's outreach activities including public meetings, publications and tours. Look for Kim Turner's lovely piece about Bhy Kracke Park in this edition of the Cobblestone. The park is one of many given to our neighborhood by caring citizens.

And thanks to Aaron Luoma for assuming the editorship of the newsletter. His redesign of the newsletter echoes the new look of the website. He makes sure the quality of the writing and the well-researched history stays high.

Leanne Olson, our landmarks chair, Aaron Luoma and Michael Herschensohn represented the society at the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, held in early November in Spokane. Leanne attended on a scholarship from the trust. We compared our efforts with the work of historic preservationists from around the country and marveled at the interesting downtown buildings that survive from Spokane's early 20th c. mining boom days. The three of us are glad the fad for skybridges, Spokane's answer to tough winters, got rejected here, for they do seem to threaten the vitality of street life in the urban core. Even over five rainy conference days Spokane's Riverfront Park, the site of the 1974 Spokane world's fair, provided a beautiful contrast with Seattle Center, our fair survivor. This is especially true as the future of the Coliseum (Key Arena) draws our daily attention.

This year our board welcomed Judy Barbour an attorney who served in the City Attorney's office devoting considerable energy to land use and historic preservation issues (among others). She is a grand addition and presages, I trust, the addition of many highly competent members to the Queen Anne Historical Society board. Consider joining us. We welcome people of every age from every part of this vital community east, west, upper, lower, north and south!

## Spring 2013 Garden Tour

Your help is needed to organize and contribute to a planned walking tour of private and public gardens in Queen Anne, tentatively schedule for this coming Spring. Let us know by contacting Aaron Luoma - luom1670@yahoo or by phone 206.931.6105 if you're interested in helping out. Gardens don't have to be historic in the traditional sense, only good stories about them!

We'll be providing details in upcoming issues of the Cobblestone. The tour will be walkable, will feature historic and contemporary gardens and parks along with the stories that add to their character. This will be a great time to view some hidden gems of our neighborhood.

## Thank You Del Loder!

After many years of service to the Queen Anne Historical Society, Del Loder has decided to step down from the board.

He most recently was our ACKHO representative, but has also contributed to our programming, articles, tours, writing our book, and many other things.

Next time you see him, be sure and thank him for his many years of service!



## New Theme: Parks & Gardens of Queen Anne

By Aaron Luoma



*Kinnear Park 1909 -  
Courtesy of City of Seattle*

Every year the Queen Anne Historical Society provides unique programming and events for our membership and the greater community. We have focused our efforts specifically each year on a theme.

Last years theme was the Worlds Fair in Seattle, in honor of its 50th Anniversary. We published articles and stories about

the Worlds Fair and our public events also featured related information. This year we're excited to focus on the parks and gardens of our great neighborhood. Queen Anne has a great selection of historic parks and gardens including Kinnear Park, Parsons Memorial Garden and Queen Anne Boulevard.

However, there are other parks, sites and private gardens that are often unrecognized, and unknown that deserve their own admiration and attention. We would like to have a comprehensive theme and include all such spaces.

The preservation of green spaces have there own particular challenges as plants grow, and nature quickly runs its course of thoughtfully eroding what we create and plant. While there are different challenges, the rewards of preserving such spaces can leave a lasting legacy of preservation and environmental stewardship for future generations to enjoy.

We hope that you'll be able to join us this coming year as we admire together the aesthetic quality and rich character of our parks and gardens of Queen Anne!

The following surplus issues of the annual publication of Queen Anne High School, the *KUAY*, are available for purchase. Please contact the archivist, Verna Ness, at [vernaess@yahoo.com](mailto:vernaess@yahoo.com)

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“KINNEAR HOME”

## Kim's Musings

By Kim Turner

Take a stroll up Fifth Avenue North past the east side of the Seattle Center. You pass the Microsoft campus, Channel Nine (PBS) and the Auditorium Apartments. Just a few blocks north of Mercer Street the business gives way to a densely-packed suburban community. Large apartments sit cheek-by-jowl with single-family dwellings. You catch your breath from the steady climb uphill. At Prospect Street the street becomes less inclined, and you find that Highland Drive is quite easy to cross. One block north and you come to a break in the buildings. This appears to be a green belt, and suddenly

you realize you are facing a small park to the west. You see a children's play area, and a seemingly ageless pergola with comfortable picnic table under it, and a trail which appears to go off into the greenery. You have arrived at Bhy Kracke Park, an intended gift from Werner H. "Bhy" Kracke. Unfortunately Mr. Kracke died on a return trip from Hawaii, and the area had to be purchased with funds from Seattle's Forward Thrust project. Bhy Kracke Park starts in the 1200 block of Fifth Avenue North and moves westward up the hill to top out at Comstock Place, one of the best viewing sites of down-

town Seattle. Benches and beautifully sited ornamental flower containers and a vast expanse of grass greet the visitor at the top. The winding trail from the lower level has surprise view spots to look back on what you have climbed. The park hours are from 4 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. This park opened some 30 years ago, and is one of Queen Anne's "gems." Check it out – from any direction!